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- (f) The Government have no exact information; but apart from military expenditure and expenditure on jails and loans for the relief of distress, the total expenditure incurred actually in Malabar cannot be far short of ten lakhs.

*Raising of the shutters over the Kistna anicut.*

467 Q.—Rao Bahadur K. GOPALAKRISHNAYYA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

- (a) with regard to the raising of the shutters over the Kistna anicut, where exactly the matter now stands;
- (b) the reasons why the order for purchasing materials for the purpose has not yet been placed with any firm;
- (c) what the hindrance is to expediting this matter;
- (d) when the Government is likely to place the order for the required materials; and
- (e) when the work is likely to be begun?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to the answer to question No. 31. The matter is still under correspondence.

*Agricultural and industrial resources of Cuddapah.*

468 Q.—Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

- (a) whether the Government are taking any steps to develop the agricultural or industrial resources of Cuddapah;
- (b) if so, what they are during the last five years; and
- (c) if not, whether the Government intend to take immediate steps for the purpose?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) Owing to lack of staff, the agricultural department has not been able to do any work in Cuddapah. The Deputy Director of Agriculture, III circle, has recently made a special tour in three taluks of the Cuddapah district, viz., Cuddapah, Rajampet and Proddatur, and submitted a detailed report indicating what can be done to improve the agriculture when staff and funds are available. He will visit the remaining taluks in December and January and submit a further report. When the whole report is received, the question of what can be done will be considered. In the meantime, arrangements have been made for demonstrations of economic planting of paddy and the use of bone-meal and oil-cake as manures and of the introduction of an improved strain of ragi round Cuddapah during the season. An agricultural demonstrator was posted to Cuddapah district in September 1922.

As to the steps taken by Government to develop the industrial resources of the district, the attention of the hon. Member is invited to the administration reports of the Industries Department for the last five years.